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Many years ago in 1978, members of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society decided to produce a small newsletter to send to their members. They hit upon the name of the 'Gidgegram'.

Little did they realise what they had started, because the little newsletter became popular and soon became a regular community newsletter supported and funded by advertisers. This publication rarely pays for itself and is always subsidised by the Ag Society. The Gidgegram is produced by volunteers, except of course the printing and distribution by Australia Post.

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Questionnaire

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2. What 3 things did you like most about the show?

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3. Is there anything you didn't like? If so, what was it?

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4. What are some aspects of the show that we could improve upon?

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5. Who do you understand benefits from the Show?
(Tick those applicable)

- ☐ Exhibitors ☐ Stall Holders ☐ Competitors
- ☐ Sporting Clubs ☐ Scouts ☐ Bush Fires ☐ Schools
- ☐ General Community ☐ Local Businesses
- ☐ Attendees ☐ Artists ☐ Farmers

Others – Please specify

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6. Who in your opinion makes the show happen?

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7. Do you know what roles show volunteers have?

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8. What happens when these people retire?

Would you be prepared to take over the role?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Would you be prepared to contribute your time to help make it happen by:

A. Helping for a few hours every few weeks leading up to the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Helping on the day of the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Volunteer to help committee members in following areas:

Promoting the show and its events and competitions on social media, electronic media and through print media

☐ Yes ☐ No

Help setting out the ground design for exhibitor space and supervise exhibitor set up on the day. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Selling exhibitor space. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organising Volunteers leading up to and on the day of the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organising events, trades etc to assist in the repairs and maintenance. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Become a member and join the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Committee ☐ Yes ☐ No

Be prepared to attend monthly meetings with Committee

or meet at a mutually agreeable time with those with certain responsibilities ☐ Yes ☐ No

Liaising with local schools to encourage the youth to participate. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Editorial contributors to write articles for the Gidgegram

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think the entrance fee is fair?

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Thank you for your feedback.

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Membership fees: Family: \$30.00 Single: \$15.00

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Gidge Gossips

Well the dust is flying. A proposal to erect a very large White Elephant in our Showgrounds. The proposal comes from a very new group the Gidgegannup Men's Shed. This building will benefit about 35 of their membership of 81 (we are told this will grow).

It will be to the detriment of every club, association and society that is welcome at the Show and Field Day, and are able to raise money to help their members get through the next year. It will be to the detriment of all the businesses that attend those events.

It will be to the detriment of the thousands of people who attend the events. The equine bodies are already complaining that some of their horses are upset by the noise, wait until the building starts. This will deprive the local community of the tens of thousands of dollars that are created for the local community.

Anyway this is something very serious for us all to think about and seems a great recipe on how to ruin a fantastic community.

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The EMRC are holding some interesting meetings about their moves to zero emissions by 2040 and their plans for a methanol gas to ethanol conversion pilot plant at Redhill. Well worth checking the information out on this – (see GPA report).

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Mr. Satterley is still progressing with the North Stoneville development it seems, except we have not seen the revised plans. Thought these were supposed to be public by 31st January 2023. Would be great if we could all see what is proposed – come along get this out to the community.

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Field Day is looking good for this year – plans are well progressed and then it is just the weather to organise. Exhibitor application forms at www.gidgegannup.info The Community Website will be moving towards an updated and improved site. Work in Progress this one.

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Clean up Australia day 5th March – so if you feel like cleaning up our area put your application in to Clean up Australia day. The amazing cows have cleaned our property out – hardly a

grass blade left. Only thing this means if that we are now rolling out huge rolls of hay. It is amazing how well behaved they are as they wait for the roll to be undone and sent on its merry way down the hill chased by cavorting cows and calves. A really funny sight.

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Water table will be rising in March so the brooks will start getting some flow and the paddocks will look a bit greener. Green shoots are coming up in our front paddock already. This brings us to gardening as it won't be long before the jungle takes off again so back on hands and knees. We are so lucky to have seasons.

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And now a short joke, but one that applies to us all

I was in my garden when I got the news that my father had fallen from a 20 feet ladder and was in the hospital.

I rushed to the hospital expecting that my father had some major fractures, but he was alright except for some minor cuts.

When I told him that it was a miracle, he disagreed and told me, "Son, I had just fallen from the first step of the ladder."



IMPORTANT: ALL GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS PLEASE NOTE

Don't forget to update Community Numbers

Due to changes in telephone services and NBN connections, many people have cancelled their landlines. If your details have changed please send new details to ps.harms@redbrookart.com.au to ensure the community numbers list on the back page of the Gidgegram can be updated.

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

gpa@gidgegannup.info – www.gidgegannup.info

Next Meetings: 20 March 2023, 17 April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

TOODYAY ROAD LITTER:

GPA have written to NRM re. litter and weeds on verges of Toodyay Road. Apparently Main Roads have failed to trim vegetation to improve sight line at Reen Road junction. They have, however, carried out fuel mitigation on Member's property on Toodyay Road with prompting from the EastLink Project team.

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With regard to improved service post the fire events, there has been funding to upgrade mobile network redundancy by way of larger battery reserves, and we are working with State Government currently in advance of hopefully further funding being announced.

We are currently upgrading our mobile sites with 5G technology, this in time will improve speed and throughput.

LOCAL AREA PLAN

City: I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Swan Local Area Planning Team in relation to the Gidgegannup Local Area Plan.

We are reaching out to you as a key stakeholder within the Gidgegannup community to let you know that the City has started its review of the Gidgegannup Local Area Plan. Local Area Plans capture the key priorities and vision of the community, and outline the action plan for the City over a five year time frame. We review the plans approximately every five years to ensure their currency and respond to community changes.

In April to May this year the City is preparing to consult with the Gidgegannup community concerning a new Local Area Plan. At this stage, we are finalising the draft background report and drafting our community engagement approach.

We have invited the team to our April meeting and they will also be at the Field Day in May.

PETER BROCK CAR PARK HOONING;

More complaints about the appalling condition of the Peter Brock car park both from members and on the fb site.

All the locals are thoroughly fed up with this ongoing nuisance and eyesore on what is supposed to be one of our

Wildflower Roads. It is reported that rubbish is being dumped in the car park now.

City's response:

City staff have reviewed available CCTV footage in the nearby area and have not identified any suspicious behaviour on New Year's Eve between 10pm and midnight. If further dates and times can be noted please provide this information to the City to enable CCTV to be reviewed. As you are aware, the City have been working closely with Sergeant James Parker in relation to honing behaviour and will continue to do so should any evidence be obtained. Staff will also make contact with James to determine if further patrols can be made in the area.

To reiterate previous advice, you are encouraged to continue to report hooning offences to WA Police via 131 444 or 000 in an emergency, so that police can respond and also identify any patterns of hooning offences.

INVITATION TO AN EMRC COMMUNITY CONSULTATION;

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council is planning to hold a Community Consultation Meeting at its Red Hill Waste Management Facility (RHWMF) on Monday evening, 13 February, from 5.00 -7.00.

Several GPA members attended as well as other ratepayer groups and affected neighbours to the Red Hill Site.

The EMRC talked to their plan for zero emissions by 2040.

An interesting presentation was made by Woodside, who will be operating the proposed Ethanol plant. Various points of concern were raised from the floor. It appears that many of the neighbours had not been informed of the meeting and a discussion took place as to how this should be addressed in the future.

Woodside propose to lease a 5 ha site from the EMRC for 5 years (or longer) to construct and operate a pilot plant to extract ethanol from methane gas. The process was explained and the ethanol produced would be transported from the site by one tanker a fortnight for sale.

This proposal will come before the EPA in May it is believed, but a decision will not be reached possibly until the end of 2023. If approved the project will commence in early 2024.

The EMRC have acquired 3 more lots to the West to extend their buffer zone. This will also be the site for the FOGO plant. It appears that there was an influx of flies from this process after excessive rainfall created a very damp environment. EMRC have controlled this now.

There will also be a concrete batching plant to encase fly ash from the proposed two waste sites at Rockingham. The fly ash will be transported to Red Hill. Mixed with cement and put into a double lined Class IV landfill cell. Otherwise this fly ash would have had to be transported to the Class V cell up north of Coolgardie. Some concerns were expressed regarding the safety of this process, but it appears all precautions will be taken.

Land fill sites are being closed on the Swan plain and eventually Red Hill will be the one remaining landfill site.

As was mentioned during the meeting, this was the first of our

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planned community consultation sessions and we are planning to organise a second community consultation session at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility's Education Centre soon.

In this regard, please feel free to Save the Date: **Monday 13 March – from 5.00 to 7.00 pm**

We have set up a dedicated email address for the community to always be able to reach us: customerservice@emrc.org.au
Based on the feedback provided during the meeting, we will be doing a letter drop in the Red Hill area to capture a more comprehensive local community database.

Please click below to be up to date on the latest news on EMRC

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To join the EMRC newsletter, please follow the link and complete the form <https://www.emrc.org.au/about-us/news/newsletters.aspx>

As mentioned during the meeting, we will organise a community tour of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility site, but in the meantime, you can watch the virtual site tour of our facility here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLBpnU0Hp_4

COMMUNITY RALLY REGARDING SATTERLEY REVISED PROPOSAL FOR NORTH STONEVILLE DEVELOPMENT;

It is reported that this Rally was well attended and significant support to the view of no high density development in this area was given by an ex Fire Chief. Satterley does not appear to have updated his plan and the period of grace has been extended until March.

GIDGEGANNUP MENSLED; GIDGEGANNUP SHOWGROUND STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – FEEDBACK FROM - Gidgegannup Progress Association and Experience Gidgegannup Inc.

Thank you for inviting the GPA and Experience Gidgegannup to the Stakeholder Meeting regarding the Gidgegannup Men's Shed proposed shed development at Gidgegannup Showgrounds.

This was quite a surprise as we were not even aware that the Men's Shed were even considering such a proposal and were most disappointed that they had not thought it fit to consult with us and the Agricultural Society prior to submitting this proposal to the City.

Consultation

To clarify the consultation we had with the Men's Shed in June 2022 was to discuss the siting of the two sea containers for the tool library and storage of materials. Prior to this we had attended a meeting where the terms of a lease agreement were discussed with Bruce Williams following the informal agreement that had been made between the President of the Agricultural Society and Bob Bristow regarding the temporary use of the Ian Stannard Pavilion.

From the beginning of our meetings Bruce has stated that they had a lease on the Reen Road land and a promise of

funding to build the Men's Shed on this land.

He said their tenure of the Ian Stannard Pavilion would only be for two years. Fortunately we viewed this time frame as unrealistic.

In the discussions regarding the sea containers, the Men's Shed put forward a plan to sink them into the rock wall. This would have meant the felling of two trees and blasting the rock (which we all suspect is hidden behind the rock wall). The City did not support this option as they believed the sea containers would be in too close proximity to the boundary. Throughout these discussions we have supported the Men's Shed being located on the unused tennis courts. It is disappointing that this appears to also present some problems.

We are not aware if the Men's Shed has looked at other locations at the Showgrounds, such as the back paddock but their preference appears to be siting it right in the middle of the Showgrounds where it will cause maximum disruption to the Show, Field Day, Equine Events and other users of the Showgrounds. Not only to do this but to demolish the Ian Stannard Pavilion and Bush Verandah to make room for it.

Ian Stannard Pavilion

The Bush verandah has been part of the Showgrounds for many years and about 16 years ago it was found that the covered area of it had become termite infested and would need replacement. The Agricultural Society financed the Ian Stannard Pavilion to replace the termite infested wooden structure and it has been used ever since by the community. This project cost them some \$35000 paid for out of community funds.

To suggest demolishing this fit for purpose Pavilion is quite insulting to the Agricultural Society and the community. It is used on Show Day and the Field Day. Equine groups use it as a viewing area when they have an event on in the arena. Various groups have used it over the years and hopefully will in the future.

We completely reject this proposal and the location of the proposed Men's Shed south of the Ian Stannard Pavilion.

Shed and supporting buildings

We are concerned that to have a construction of this size (660sqm + 231sqm verandah) will mean that our showgrounds will lose its rural aspect and become overbuilt. Not only is this proposed but a trailer shed and some water tanks around the grounds are proposed. Water to be collected from the roof of the new Men's Shed. When it was proposed to collect water off the Ian Stannard Pavilion we were



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informed that the City's policy was not to have gutters on their buildings as this presented a maintenance problem.

With regard to the size of the new shed. This was queried and we were informed that this is quite a normal size for a Men's Shed and Wanneroo and Mosman Park have Sheds this size. We would point out that their populations are somewhat more than Gidgegannup.

This Shed is to accommodate basically 35 working people. The Men's Shed hope their membership will rise to 100 in 2023 and we were informed that their information is that most Sheds report that there is an attendance of around 30% normally.

It was also said that there is no social club in Gidgegannup – we have a fantastic Recreation Club that has many social events. The Agricultural Hall is also available for social events so there is no necessity for another social club facility in Gidgegannup. The 231 sqm verandah is to replace the Bush Verandah that is proposed to be knocked down.

Various shortfalls were pointed out regarding the design of the building but these can be addressed should this project progress. This building will also present something of an eyesore in close proximity to the boundary of the Showgrounds.

Funding

Funding for this building – this is to come from sponsorship, Government grants and Lotterywest. \$2mn? Rather a lot of money for 35 people to use.

Membership

Membership of the Gidgegannup Mens' Shed has grown well, part of this due to the Shed admitting Women members, something that many Men's Sheds do not permit. Should it come about that all Men's Sheds (in these days of equality) are required to admit Women, the Gidgegannup membership will decline rapidly.

Other sites

It was raised at the meeting as to whether the Recreation Club had offered the Mens' Shed space for a Shed. They were offered space at the Recreation Club for a Shed, larger than the Ian Stannard Pavilion but not large enough for the Men's Shed so it was refused after a site visit with the Recreation Club.

The Meeting

It was great to see nearly 50 people had attended this meeting and a large number were residents who are neighbours of the Showgrounds. They do not want this shed sited where it is proposed. They are already complaining of noise and disturbance from the Shed particularly in the evenings – as said to us “car doors slamming, yahooing, lights” generally not what they are used to. The Toodyay road provides enough noise in the daytime but in the evening at least there was some peace. Not now apparently. These neighbours hadn't been informed as Stakeholders but they certainly are.

The Tennis Court site

So we come to this site. The tennis courts have been neglected for several years and there are now wattles growing out of the cracks. This neglected site is the one site that everyone agrees is ideal. Building could be carried out without disturbing the rest of the showgrounds, there is a high fence for security it is in proximity to the hall with toilets, kitchen, large meeting

room, If needed, parking, a separate entrance. It fits all the requirements. The Men Shed like it, the other groups thought it was ideal, CWA has already been consulted and are supportive, the neighbours would not experience the nuisance of the Shed and its building.

The Mens' Shed could be in the community hub, cost savings could be made, Other Stakeholders would not be compromised, a neglected and run down site could be utilised and made to look attractive again.

The size of the shed could also be reduced as a verandah would no longer be required, there are toilets and a kitchen in the Hall in close proximity. Also a main hall and lesser hall that could be used for social occasions, training talks, etc. This would mean that should the Men's Shed fail, as neighbouring ones have, the Shed would not be a white elephant but could be used for other community purposes.

Summing up

Gidgegannup Men's Shed supported. Proposed siting south of the Ian Stannard Pavilion not supported. Tennis court site supported.

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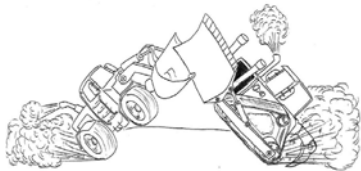
The family of Allan Lockwood wish to extend their thanks to the friends and mates in Gidgegannup community for their attendance at last month's service and the overwhelming wishes of sympathy and condolence.

Apology

To the Gidgegannup Netball Club, I forgot to place the Notice of Registration for the coming season. Please keep an eye out on Facebook for Sporting Group Registrations.

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Any problems let us know.

If anyone would like to join our group just let us know. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month except July at 7.30pm at 661 Reserve Road, Gidgegannup. We are a friendly lot and the Field Day is fun to organise and take part in on the day.

More news next month but to work organising now – any suggestions, requests, input please contact us. This is your Field Day and we want you all involved.

Members of our Committee attended the Stakeholders Meeting regarding the Men's Shed proposal for a Shed at the Showgrounds. We were very disappointed that we had not been consulted before this went to the City. We are also extremely disappointed that so few people were invited to the meeting.

This is something that will impact every group and association in Gidgegannup and also the thousands of people who attend the Show and the Field Day each year. This proposal will severely impact our ability to hold the Field Day, particularly as the Showgrounds will become a building site for several months.

A better proposal is to utilise the neglected and unused Tennis Courts. This is supported by the main user groups of the Showgrounds and the residents who back on to the Showgrounds and do not want this significant upheaval. The proposed building is far too large, will cost, it is estimated \$2mn, and will necessitate the removal of existing structures such as the Ian Stannard Pavilion and the Bush Verandah. We just hope that common sense prevails and that the City and Councillors do not sanction such an enormous White elephant on our beautiful Rural Showgrounds to the detriment of the Gidgegannup community.



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Julimar Project Update

Local Voices

Chalice understands that community consultation will play a key role in all our planning, particularly as we consider a potential future mine at the Julimar Project.

To help us better understand the needs, concerns and priorities of the communities neighbouring our project, Chalice has engaged Voconiq to seek feedback through an independent and confidential survey program called Local Voices.

Local Voices is a unique community engagement program developed over 10 years within Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

As part of this program, a series of surveys will be done over the next three years to help Chalice better understand what matters most to your community, helping to inform decision-making processes. All residents aged 16 years+ are invited to have your say and participate in the first survey that will be launched in March 2023.

You will also be supporting your local community, with \$10 donated to your chosen local community group for each of the current surveys completed. Those interested in receiving funding can register your not for profit organisation or sporting group to be a recipient.

To register for the survey or for funding, visit the Voconiq website at voconiqlocalvoices.com/julimar or scan the QR code:



Fire Updates

Thank you to the local fire and emergency services who responded to the recent fires in the Toodyay area.

Following the assessment of updates issued by the Western Australia's Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services and the local Shire, the Chalice team were successfully evacuated from both our Avalon homestead and Julimar Project sites.

Chalice will continue to monitor and comply with all fire bans and vehicle movement restrictions throughout the current fire season.

Community Investment Program

A reminder that applications are open now until **31 March 2023** for funding up to \$10,000.

This program is designed to support community initiatives that fall under three core areas:

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Julimar State Forest Update

Chalice's current phase of low-impact exploration in the Julimar State Forest is continuing, with ~37 drill sites completed to date. We have been exploring in this area for potential mineralisation, which sits to the north of the Gonneville Deposit located on Chalice-owned farmland.



This initial phase of drilling has progressed on schedule and in accordance with the multiple environmental management measures in place to protect the environmental sensitivities of the region, as governed by our Conservation Management Plan.

Chalice is now planning our next phase of low-impact drilling in the Julimar State Forest, as we further constrain our areas of interest. The next phase of drilling on existing tracks and cleared areas will involve similar low-impact exploration methods, including the use of small footprint, track-mounted drill rigs. We look forward to providing a comprehensive update as planning for this program of work progresses.

Initial results from early exploration work have confirmed the prospectivity of the region, however no mineral deposits of interest have yet been identified.



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Annoying weeds thrive in hot dry conditions

Around the Paddock by The Farmer

Another hot month has been with us. Not as scorching as last year though. I would think that everyone would be saying enough of this summer is enough.

With no rain for some time now the dust is certainly making life difficult for some us.

With the very dry conditions those annoying weeds, Stink Wort, Turkish Thistle, Wire Weed, Cotton Bush, just to name some, do tend to thrive over the summer months.

If left alone, these plants will multiply many times over. Don't left this happen. Get on top of them before they overtake big areas of pasture. Cotton Bush in particular, is a very invasive plant, with each "cotton" ball containing a myriad of seeds. Once it breaks open they drift along to settle where-ever.

Spraying of these annoying weeds is the easiest option.

If spraying is not your "thing", then a mattock, shovel, and bag or wheel barrow would be the only other option to eradicate them.

Of course with so much dry weather the only benefit gained from it is that any dry feed still has some semblance of nutrient value.

Livestock will still a of TLC with some form of feeding, be it hay, pellets etc. Just a top-up to keep them in good stead for when the weather does change. Hopefully sooner than later.

Red meat prices have eased a little, but as I have said before, present good healthy looking stock to the market and the prices will reflect the inputs.

Now moving on:

Time to look at land and pasture preparation.

Perhaps it could be timely to have an analysis of soil taken.

One or two soil samples will give a clearer picture of what is



Cotton Bush

missing in the soil profile to produce sustainable paddock and crop needs for the coming season.

These kits are readily available from agricultural supply stores. There is dollar cost involved, but are definitely worth the expense.

So with this in mind if you are going to be doing any top dressing, now is the time to start getting organised.

Lime in its various forms is easily obtained.

The various super products are out there, but bear in mind, once again this year will not be cheap as we have known, from past years

So, you have had a soil sample done, and now know what the paddocks require. This should help to alleviate some of the cost, rather second guess what might be needed.

The way this summer has shaped up, we may be in for a shorter than normal winter and spring growing season.

If this scenario does happen, then the sown crops, clovers and grasses will be needing all the help they can get..

With little rain forecast on the horizon, keep those firebreaks tidy, and hopefully the dangers of fire through lightening strikes or other means will not be upon us this season.

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Wednesday, February 15

City to reduce Councillor numbers and adjust boundaries

The City of Swan will reduce its Councillors from 15 to 14 and adjust a number of ward boundaries as part of WA-wide Local Government reforms.

The City recently sought feedback from the community on a fair and equitable Council make-up and structure as part of a review of its wards and Council representation.

Informed by this community feedback, Council decided on the following changes;

- reduce the number of Whiteman Ward councillors from three to two
- transfer Brabham from the Whiteman Ward to the Altone Ward
- transfer the part of Caversham currently in the Altone Ward to the Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward
- transfer the part of Middle Swan not located in the Swan Valley Planning Act from Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward to the Midland/Guildford Ward
- transfer the part of Henley Brook currently in the Whiteman Ward to the Pearce Ward
- transfer Orchid Park in Bennett Springs from the Altone Ward to the Whiteman Ward
- transfer part of Lexia from the Pearce Ward to the Whiteman Ward

As part of the review, the City of Swan Mayor will also be elected by public vote at the next Local Government election in October.

City of Swan CEO Stephen Cain thanked the community for their valuable input which helped shape the review and guide the Council's decision.

"These reforms not only impact the Council but our community, so it was important for them to have their say in how we move forward," he said.

The City will advise the Local Government Advisory Board of its proposal, which will review it and make a recommendation to the Local Government Minister, who can then accept or reject it.



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